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Attention: Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
FDA Docket No. 98N-1265

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the Draft Memorandum being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I object to the definition of "inordinate amount," which restricts the availability of medically necessary compounded medications, and my right to obtain them, by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

No possible good would come to the public from such a measure – only an unnecessary protection of large pharmaceutical companies who do not provide this needed and valuable form of medication and who would prefer to put the compounding pharmacies out of business! These pharmacies provide a vital public health service not being met by the multibillion-dollar drug business of the pharmaceutical companies; they should be permitted to continue their service without undue and illegitimate interference from the government on behalf of their competitors.

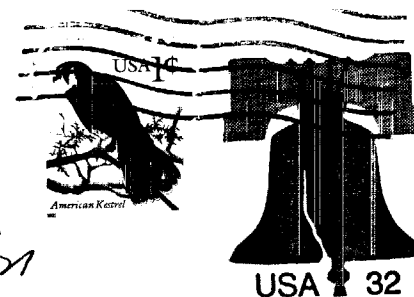
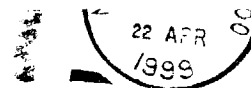
Very truly yours,


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